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CHESS TOURNAMENTS

1998 SCHOLASTIC- Dates and site still being worked out .

May 29, 1998- 1998 ND Speed Tournament - Best Western Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND

May 30-31, 1998- 1998 Closed Best Western Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND

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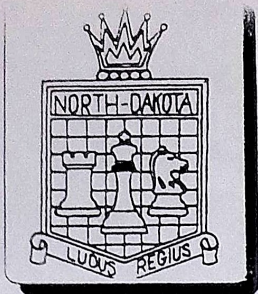
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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1998 SCHOLASTIC

Site and dates still being worked on. Hope to have soon.

1998 Speed ND Closed Speed Tournament

May 29, 1998- Best Western Doublewood Inn in Bismarck

FRIDAY 5/29/98

Registration 7-7:20 pm

Tournament starts at 7:30 pm

1998 Closed Championship

May 30-31-Best Western Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. 6 Rds. (4rds Sat. and 2rds Sun.)

Saturday 5/30/98

8:00 am Registration Opens

9:00 am Registration Closes

9:30 am Tournament Announcements

10:00 am Round 1 (Game/60)

1:00 pm Round 2 (Game/90)

4:00 pm Round 3 (Game/90)

8:00 pm Round 4 (Game/2 hrs)

Sunday 5/31/98

8:00 am Business Meeting

9:00 am Round 5 (Game/2hrs)

2:00 pm Round 6 (Game/2hrs)

6:00 pm Awards and Trophy presentations

If all games in a round finish early, the directors will adjust the start times of the following rounds in order to finish each days events as early as possible.

Please send pre-registration to Brian Thompson at 1257 North 3rd Street, Fargo, ND by May 20th, 1998 to speed up the pairing process. **NOTE** -Limit to one 1/2 point bye(first 5 rds only)

1998 North Dakota Closed May 29-31

TOURNAMENT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Player Name : _____

USCF Rating : _____ USCF ID Number : _____

USCF Expiration : _____ NDCA Expiration : _____

Byes Requested : ☐ R1 ☐ R2 ☐ R3 ☐ R4 ☐ R5

ENTRY FEE SCHEDULE

☐ \$25 (Reg) ☐ \$20 (Student < = 18)

☐ \$ 5 Doublewood Inn Discount

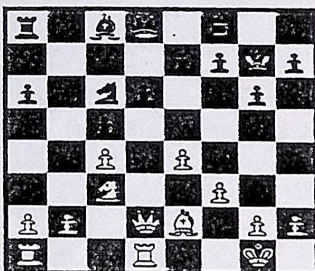
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Mini Swiss #3 St. Paul Castle CC November 29, 1997

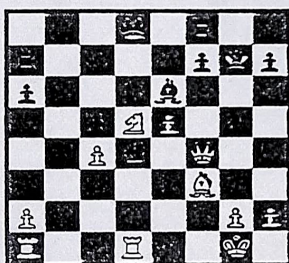
Chuck Minskey (1806) Brent A. Askvig (1716) Sicilian Dragon - Maroczy

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 g6 5. c4 d6 6. Nc3 bg7 7. Be3 Nf6 8. f3 O-O 9. Qd2 a6? (Up to this point, the game is pretty bookish. Black usually trades the knights on d4 and then gets the queen to a5. The text move was aimed to prevent Nb5, so the queen could also go to c7. However, the a6 move really is a waste of time, and White tries to show that it is.) 10. Be2 Nd7 11. Nc6 bc6 (Now the a pawn looks very lonely.) 12. O-O Ne5 13. Rfd1? (I think this is a mistake. The f rook should stay home to support an eventual f4, and the a rook should take the d file.) c5 14. Bh6 Nc6 15. Bg7 Kg7



After 15...Kg7

16. f4 (This is much more potent with the rook on f1!) Nd4 (This is a nice central square for the knight and it helps cover the f5 square also.) 17. Nd5 (And now White has a central knight too!) e5 (This forces White to do something on the kingside. The move e6 was possible, but then the knight goes to e3 and puts more pressure on f5.) 18. b4! (Attacking the central base of the knight.) ef4 (Another possibility was f5, with many more complications than I cared for at the time.) 19. bc5 dc5 20. Bf3 Ra7 (To cover c7, e7 and f7.) 21. Qf4 Be6 22. e5 g5 (What else? The queen was putting pressure on the f file. I'll bet White wishes his rook was on f1!)



After 22...g5

23. Qe3? (After the game Minskey and I talked about 23. Qf6+ Qf6 and 24. Nf6 when it looks like a better game for White.) h6 24. Rd4? (Yuk!! This loses as Black takes control of the d file. Instead White should have played 24. Be4 with the rooks doubling on the f file.) cd4 25. Qd4 Rd7 26. Rd1 Qa5 27. Be4 Rfd8 28. Bc2 Rd5 (Not Bd5 as 29. e6+ and White wins.) 29. cd5 Rd5 30. Qe4 Rd1+ 31. Bd1 Qa2 32. Bc2 Qa1+ 33. Kf2 Qb2 34. Qh7+ Kf8 35. Qh6+ Ke8 (White will lose the e pawn, but with the queen and bishop, he can force checks, making it nearly impossible to get the full point.) 1/2 - 1/2

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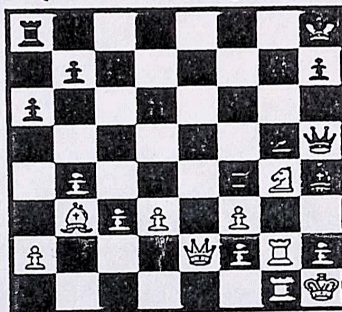
1: 2273*m8	ND THOMPSON, PETER	62: 1248/04	ND SELBURG, MIKE
2: 2220*m2	ND SAILER, MIKE	63: 1246/14	ND KISSEE, NICK
3: 2078*x6	ND TRIGGS, JERRY	64: 1233*e0	ND HLAVINKA, DOUGLAS D
4: 1960*A0	ND SCHAUER, RONALD R	65: 1230* 0	ND ABRAHAMSON, MARV
5: 1914*a0	ND EIK, STEVEN R	66: 1215* 0	ND ENDERSBEE, STEVEN
6: 1902*a0	ND BERGER, CLIFFORD	67: 1200/05	ND SUCHY, BEN C
7: 1849*a0	ND WILLIAMS, DARWIN D	68: 1198/14	ND BRODSHAUG, JOEL C
8: 1829*A9	ND CASE, RICK	69: 1183* 0	ND LAUER, COREY
9: 1807*a2	ND THOMPSON, BRIAN E	70: 1145/08	ND MARTIN, MARSHALL
10: 1800*a0	ND LINDSETH, DAVID O	71: 1134/08	ND VIVIER, BRYAN
11: 1798/04	ND WILLIAMS, DAVID D	72: 1128* 0	ND MAR, AARON
12: 1785*B7	ND SPIESS, ROBERT JAMES	73: 1122/08	ND SEIDEL, ERIC
13: 1782*B2	ND HERR, RICHARD E	74: 1118/10	ND FROEHLICH, JORDAN
14: 1777*B0	ND STARR, CAMERON	75: 1115/16	ND ABRAHAMSON, JESSE
15: 1753*a9	ND LANGTON, BRIAN W	76: 1098/09	ND BELGARDE, VINCENT
16: 1738*B9	ND JORGENSEN, JON	77: 1094* 0	ND AXT, JASON
17: 1716*B0	ND ASKVIG, BRENT A	78: 1086/05	ND PITMAN, DARREN
18: 1704/15	ND BAKKEN, CHRIS B	79: 1085/05	ND FYLLING, PATRICK E
19: 1701*b5	ND LINDSETH, CHRIS	80: 1063/06	ND PEDERSEN, LEIF A
20: 1664*b0	ND JOHNSON, MARVIN L	81: 1056/09	ND PATNAUDE, TOM
21: 1640*C5	ND FELDMANN, LEE	82: 1054/05	ND DOLL, ERIC
22: 1636*b0	ND FAUSKE, GERALD M	83: 1051/12	ND SCHWANDT, BRYAN R
23: 1629*B6	ND ENGEVIK, JOHAN C	84: 1035*e7	ND THOMPSON, DAVID
24: 1616*B5	ND GOPLEN, ARMAN D	85: 1033* 0	ND FAUL, MATTHEW
25: 1603*C7	ND WOLF, TODD W	86: 1022/14	ND THOMPSON, ROB
26: 1583*c2	ND KOCH, DAVID	87: 1020/09	ND NORDLIE, JOHN C
27: 1575*C7	ND CROUSE, LEONARD V	88: 1008/05	ND FROEHLICH, NICK J
28: 1567*c0	ND GOURNEAU, TERRENCE	89: 1008/04	ND HUSCHKA, LORI A
29: 1538*c6	ND TURNER, DAN	90: 1004/10	ND WAGNER, JESSICA
30: 1525*c0	ND ENGEL, PAUL J	91: 997* 0	ND HOFFER, ERIC
31: 1523*C4	ND SAILER, DALE R	92: 993/04	ND DECOTEAU, LOWELL
32: 1510* 0	ND SCHERBENSKE, ERIC W	93: 969/05	ND DWORSHAK, CHRIS
33: 1506*b5	ND BUERKLE, ROGER M	94: 967/13	ND ARATA, JOEY
34: 1453*c4	ND ALLENSWORTH, JOHN K	95: 956/09	ND BRUCE, JAMES
35: 1406* 0	ND MILLER, MICHAEL J	96: 950/04	ND FRY, DARRON
36: 1402/15	ND WINEGAR, BENJAMIN A	97: 937/17	ND GROSS, MICHAEL
37: 1400*C4	ND BAYLEY, ARTHUR W	98: 932/04	ND POITRA, BRANDIN
38: 1399/12	ND MOREA, ROBERT CRAIG	99: 929/18	ND RICHARDSON, ERIK
39: 1390*c5	ND ERDMANN, DUSTIN	100: 911/05	ND BRUNELLE, BRETT
40: 1388/05	ND KAUTZMAN, KEVIN A	101: 902* 0	ND HOFFER, CHRIS
41: 1387/13	ND HOPKINS, CONNOR	102: 878/07	ND REDHORSE, LEO D
42: 1368/05	ND FALCON, NOLYN R	103: 876/09	ND BRUCE, REENE
43: 1366/05	ND HAUGTVEDT, CHARLES D	104: 871/05	ND BRUNELLE, ADAM
44: 1356*D2	ND WINEGAR, MICAH L	105: 864/08	ND VEGA, MIRANDA
45: 1349/14	ND MARTIN, SHELDON	106: 860/05	ND NOLEN, ANTHONY
46: 1339*d5	ND RAGLAND, ERIC	107: 858/04	ND POITRA, WILLIAM
47: 1333*D2	ND SAILER, JON	108: 855/10	ND HAGEN, KYLE
48: 1328*D7	ND WAGNER, BEN	109: 852/09	ND MARTIN, FRANK
49: 1322*d8	ND HJELSETH, MICHAEL	110: 840/18	ND DOCKTER, BRANDON
50: 1297/15	ND OLSON, MIKE	111: 829/08	ND CARNEY, MICHELLE M
51: 1286/05	ND CHOMETA, JAMES	112: 815/08	ND ENNO, ZACK
52: 1284/13	ND ABRAHAMSON, MATTHEW	113: 811/09	ND CARNEY, BETH A
53: 1279* 0	ND GERNHARDT, ERIC	114: 797/04	ND GOURNEAU, MICHAEL
54: 1277/05	ND THEIGE, BEAU	115: 773/04	ND AZURE, NODIN
55: 1273*E7	ND SCHAUER, ALLISON	116: 773/05	ND PARADIES, CASEY
56: 1272/06	ND ABELL, PAUL A	117: 765/06	ND PEDERSEN, MELVIN P
57: 1271*D5	ND MERTINS, LILIE ANN	118: 756/05	ND FALCON, CHAD RICHARD
58: 1266*E7	ND CROUSE, LENNY M	119: 741/04	ND LA FROMBOIS, EDWARD
59: 1254/08	ND LE DEAUX, BEN J	120: 739/05	ND HOFFER, MEGAN
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61: 1249*d7	ND RAGLAND, JAMES R	122: 679/11	ND MC LEAN, BEN
		123: 572/05	ND STEIN, CHRIS
		124: 567/19	ND CAMP, MICHAEL C
		125: 561/04	ND POITRA, DARRELL

Brent A. Askvig (1716) Medhat Feshir (Unr)

Ruy Lopez

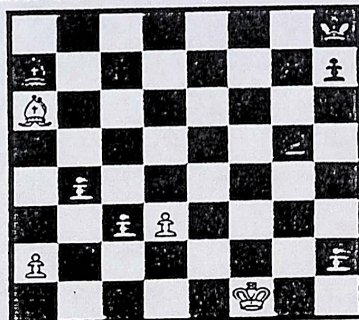
This was played in the first round of a small swiss tournament on Thanksgiving weekend. I was the lowest rated player in the section. Feshir was seeded 4th, at about 2000, because of this previous playing strength. A recent emigree from Russia, he shows his strength.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. d3 (This is rather passive. If White wants to play d4 later, then this move wastes a tempo.) d6 7. c3 O-O 8. Nbd2 Bg4 (Through White's 8th move we are following Lutikov - Ornstein, Tirana, 1976. Ornstein played 8...Bd7 and the game was equal. I think Bg4 may be an improvement, as it puts a bind on the f3 Knight.) 9. Re1 Nd7 10. Nf1 f5 (This move gives the game a type of Dutch defense look. Black has clearly made his intentions to be a kingside attack.) 11. Bb3+ (While this may look like a spite check, it really stymies Black along the a2-g8 diagonal.) Kh8 12. Ne3?! (Pressuring the bishop, but not really a strong move.) fe4 13. Ng4 ef3 14. gf3 Qe8 15. Kh1 Qh5 (This may be too early, but Black is really committed to the kingside attack.) 16. Rg1 Nc5 17. Bd5 Nd8 18. b4? (This pushes the knight exactly to where he wants to go. Qe2 was better.) Nce6 19. Bb3? (Another lemon of a move. I thought that I wanted to keep my bishop on the a2-g8 diagonal, and was afraid of c6 and d5. But even Be3 was better than this.) Nf4? (This allows me to trade my dark square bishop and get my other rook into play. Feshir later said that he was not happy with this move.) 20. Bf4 Rf4 21. Qe2 Bh4 22. Rg2 Nf7 23. Rag1 Ng5



After 23...Ng5

24. Ne5 (I needed some type of tactical shot as I was running out of options. The idea here is to pressure the g7 and g8 squares.) de5 25. Qe5 Qf3 26. Bd1 Rf5 27. Bf3 (I thought about Qd4 attacking the pawn on h4. However, Qf4 handles everything. The idea behind Bf3 is to amass a strong queenside in exchange for the earlier knight sack on e5. It almost works!) Re5 28. Bb7 Rf8 29. Ba6 Rf2 30. Rf2 Bf2 31. Rf1 Re1 (I was excited about all of these exchanges and heading into an endgame with opposite colored bishops and 4 queenside pawns.) 32. Kg2 Rf1 33. Kf1 Ba2 (I thought this was too passive for Black, as this bishop gets boxed in. I agree that he needs to try to control the pawns, but he might be better doing it from behind them rather than in front.)



After 33...Ba2

34. Bb7 (This was done to limit the knight's moves on the kingside.) Kg8 35. Ke2 Kf7 36. d4 (This locks in the Black bishop.) Ke7 37. Kd3 Ne6 38. Kc4 Kd6 39. a4 c6 40. Bc8? (This was probably a losing move. Instead, b5 allows the pawns to move forward, stay connected and keep Black's pieces busy. Now the kingside pawns win.) g5 41. h3 h5 42. Be6 Ke6 43. Kd3 Kf5 44. Ke3 Bb8 45. b5 cb5 46. ab5 Bf4+ 47. Kf3 g4+ 48. hg4 hg4+ 49. Kg2 Ke4 50. b6 Kd3 51. d5 Kc3 52. b7 Kd4 53. Kf2 Kd5 54. b8(Q) Bb8 55. Kg2 Ke4 56. Kf2 Bf4 57. Kg2 Ke3 58. Kh1 Kf3 59. Kg1 g3 60. Kh1 g2+ 0-1

THANKSGIVING OPEN

NOVEMBER 22, 1997	STATE	PRE	POST	RND #1	RND #2	RND #3	RND #4	TOTAL
JORGENSEN, JON	ND	1738	1747	W5	W4 *	W2	U	3.0
BJERKLE, ROGER M.	ND	1506	1513	W3	L1	W5	U	2.0
BAYLEY, ARTHUR W.	ND	1400	1402	L2	W5	W4	U	2.0
ALNASEER, MOHAMME	MN	1239	1247	L1 *	W5 *	L3	U	1.0
CONNELL, GEORGE	MN	0	1073	L1	L3	L4 *	L2	0.0

GRAFTON QUICK CHESS OPEN

OCTOBER 18, 1997	STATE	PRE	POST	RND #1	RND #2	RND #3	RND #4	RND #5	RND #6	TOTAL
THOMPSON, BRIAN E.	ND	1737	1751	W4	W5	W2	W3	W6	W5	6.0
HAGEN, DALE W.	MN	1617	1612	D3	W6	L1	W6	W5	W4	4.5
THOMPSON, DAVID	ND	1114	1177	D2	W4	W5	L1	W4	W6	4.5
DAEHLIN, JONATHAN	MN	1550	1424	L1	L3	W6	W5	L3	L2	2.0
ALLENSWORTH, JOHN	ND	1351	1324	W6	L1	L3	L4	L2	L1	1.0
BOWEN, JEFFREY	ND	0	1077	L5	L2	L4	L2	L1	L3	0.0

FROSTY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN OPEN

DECEMBER 6, 1997	STATE	PRE	POST	RND #1	RND #2	RND #3	RND #4	TOTAL
THOMPSON, BRIAN E.	ND	1807	1820	W5	W4	W2	W3	4.0
SAILER, JON	ND	1333	1375	W3	W5	L1	W6	3.0
SAILER, DALE R.	ND	1523	1507	L2	W7	W4	L1	2.0
ALLENSWORTH, JOHN	ND	1453	1440	W6	L1	L3	W7	2.0
FALCON, NOLYN R.	ND	1368	1332	L1	L2	W7	W6	1.0
THOMPSON, DAVID	ND	1035	1030	L4	W7	L2	L5	1.0
FALCON, CHAD RICH	ND	756	836	L3	L6	L5	L4	0.0

December 28, 1997

Students from 16 schools participated in the Scholastic Chess Tournament hosted by Park Christian School Dec 27, 1997. Players were divided into three age groups.

First place winners received a medallion and a one year membership in the United States Chess Federation. Second and third place winners received ribbons.

First place in the K-3 group was won by Michael Stecher of Centennial School in Fargo. Second place went to Casey Erdmann of Park Christian School in Moorhead. The four 3rd place finishers were Luke Anderson of Clara Barton School; Jared Wald of Centennial School; Ben Gaughan of Probstfield School and Brett Gunhus of Park Christian School.

In Grades 4-6, Nathan Mead of Riverside School, Moorhead was first; Steven Meckle of Rugby, ND was 2nd, and Robert Thompson of Crawfordville, Indiana, was 3rd.

In the Jr. High section there was a 3 way tie for first between David Thompson of Ben Franklin, Daniel Stone of Moorhead Jr. High and Austin Regan of Agassiz.

Tied for 2nd was Chris Calvert of Grace Lutheran and Paul Koppelman of West Fargo Middle School.

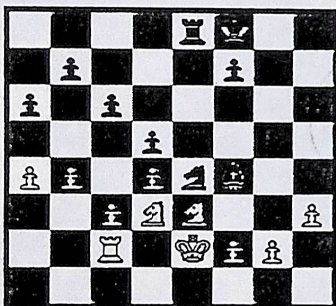
3rd place went to Josh Hausauer of Moorhead Jr. high.

Mini Swiss #3 St. Paul Castle CC November 29, 1997

Brent A. Askvig (1716) Thomas Gaul (1872) French Defense - Exchange

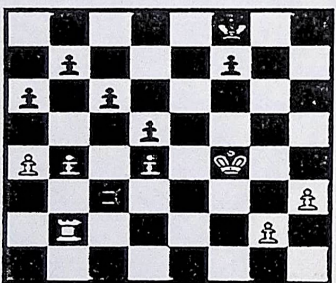
Mr. Gaul and I were the only out-of-state players in the tournament. We were both visiting respective families for the Thanksgiving holiday. This was the last game of the tournament to finish.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 ed5 (I've been studying the French for my postal games, but didn't know all the variations yet. I did know that the exchange was supposed to be kind of boring. More importantly, I knew that diehard French fans HATE the exchange. Maybe this gives me a little psychological advantage.) 4. Nf3 c6 (this is an unusual move, giving the game a sort of Caro Kann or Slav setup. I wasn't sure what to do, so I just continued with some usual French opening moves.) 5. Bd3 Bd6 6. Nbd2 (I'll regret this move later as it blocks my queenside bishop. But I wanted to get a queenside attack going somehow.) Bg4 7. Qe2+ Qe7 8. Qe7+ Ne7 9. O-O O-O 10. a4 (This signals my queenside intentions. I also thought about Re1 and Nf1, but I wasn't thrilled about the possibility of doubled f pawns in the endgame.) Nd7 11. c3 h6 12. h3 (A wasted move. Better was b4 to follow though with my plan.) Bh4 13. b4 a6 14. Re1 Bg6 (I was really puzzled by this. I thought the pressure on the f3 knight would keep White tied up. Apparently he doesn't want my d3 bishop to support a queenside push.) 15. Bg6 Ng6 16. Nf1 Rfe8 17. Bd2 Nf6 18. Re8+ Re8 19. Ne3 Kf8 20. Kf1 Ne4 (What a great spot for the knight! I have to contend with threats on c3, d2 and f2. If I try to push the knight away, then my kingside dark squares are weak.) 21. Ne1 Nf4 22. Rc1 Nd3 23. Rc2 g6 (Supporting an eventual f5 and a kingside storm.) 24. Ke2 Nf4+ 25. Kf1 Nd3 26. Ke2 Ne1 27. Ne1 Bf4 28. Nd3 g5



After 28...g5

29. Kf3 Nf2! 30. Nf4 gf4 31. Rf2 (I think that 31. Kf2 fe3+ 32. Ke2 works better as Black can't infiltrate with his rook.) Re3+ 32. Kf4 Rc3 33. Rb2



After 33. Rb2

33...Kg7? (A key mistake. 33...f6 keeps the White king from protecting the d pawn.) 34. Ke5 Rd3 35. a5 (Making the first time control with about 10 seconds to spare!) Re3+ 36. Kd6 f5 37. Kc7 Re7+ 38. Kb6 Kf6 39. Rc2 f4 40. Rf2 Kg5 41. Rf3 h5 42. Kc5 Re3 43. Kb6 1/2 - 1/2 Both sides can queen and then it's an endless series of checks. Since this was the last game of the tournament, the players and the director were glad we were done.

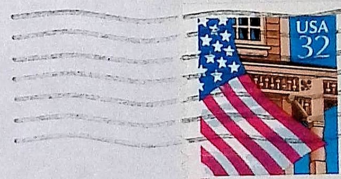
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